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LETTER DATED 24 AUGUST 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation during the period 13 to 21 August 1992.

13-14 August 1992

Ten sorties, flown by five two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 7,500 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Irbil, Mosul, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

14-15 August 1992

Eighteen sorties, flown by nine two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 780 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

15-16 August 1992

Twenty-nine sorties, flown by 13 two-aircraft formations and one three-aircraft formation at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,500 to 8,500 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

16-17 August 1992

Four sorties, flown by two two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 5,500 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

19-20 August 1992

Eleven sorties, flown by four two-aircraft formations and one three-aircraft formation at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 5,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

20-21 August 1992

Nineteen sorties, flown by nine two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 6,000 metres, centred over Amadiyah, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil and Tall Afar.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abd al-Amir AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
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